

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the office action mailed on November 6, 2003. A diligent effort has been made to respond to the objections and rejections contained in the office action, and reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of this Amendment.

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-21 have been cancelled. Claims 22-33 are now pending.

B. Rejections over Bickmore

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of cancelled claims 1-21 over EP 0949571 ("Bickmore"). In an effort to expedite the prosecution of this case, however, new claims 22-33 have been substituted for claims 1-21.

Independent claim 22 recites a method of providing an information page to a handheld viewing device. The method includes the following steps: (A) requesting an information page at the handheld viewing device; (B) retrieving the information page from a remote system; (C) if the information page includes a plurality of frames, then generating an abbreviated version of the information page, wherein the abbreviated version includes a graphical representation of the information page and an image map that identifies the locations of the plurality of frames within the graphical representation of the information page; and (D) transmitting the abbreviated version of the information page to the handheld viewing device.

Bickmore is significantly different from claim 22. Specifically, Bickmore does not mention the concept of "frames" in an information page at all. In addition, Bickmore

does not mention generating a graphical representation of the information page nor does it mention generating an image map that identifies the locations of the plurality of frames within the graphical representation. These limitations from claim 22 are not taught or suggested by Bickmore.

To the contrary, Bickmore teaches that an information page is converted into sub-pages containing a portion of the original page. As succinctly stated in Bickmore: "This invention separately provides systems and methods that automatically transform a document into a plurality of linked subdocuments, where each subdocument requires less display area." (Bickmore at 3, ll. 41-42) There is no teaching in Bickmore of generating a graphical representation of the entire information page having frames, or of generating the corresponding image map that may be used by a user of the handheld viewing device to identify a particular frame within the graphical representation.

Claim 22 is therefore patentably distinct from Bickmore. The dependent claims 23-33 recite additional steps and limitations that are also not disclosed in Bickmore, and thus these claims are distinct from Bickmore independently from claim 22.

C. Specification/Drawings

The specification was objected to based on two typographical numbering errors that have now been fixed by this Amendment. (See, above)

Figure 5 of the drawings was objected to because of a numbering error and a replacement sheet is submitted herewith that fixes this error. In Figure 5 the box erroneously labeled as 120 has now been labeled 102 to be consistent with the specification.

It is believed that all of the claims currently pending in this application are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David B. Cochran". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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